

OBITUARIES

**Michael Preston**

Michael Preston, age 64 of Yankton and formerly of Rock Rapids, IA, passed away on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at his home following a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Memorial Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Mike was born on June 16, 1949, in Oakland, NE to Sidney and Shirley (Swanson) Preston. He was baptized in the Methodist Church in Lyons, NE and was confirmed in the Methodist Church in Wayne, NE. He married Donna Salmon on July 28, 1968 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE. During their over 45 years of marriage, they lived in Wakefield, Pender, and rural Concord, NE, before moving to Rock Rapids, IA in 1990. In 2011, after working 20 years in



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the emergency vehicle manufacturing industry, they made the decision to retire in the rural Yankton, SD area to be near the water.

Mike graduated from Wakefield High School and then later from Universal Trade School in Omaha, NE. He was a man of many trades. He owned and operated the refrigeration/repair/appliance store in Wakefield. He worked as a well-driller at Salmon Well. He started his truck driving career for Stewart Trucking in Pender and later was an owner/operator back and forth to the west coast until 1978. He worked as a hired man doing custom farming east of Wakefield. He also worked in the Maintenance Department at Waldbaum's and worked on and operated heavy equipment for Kellogg Construction in Emerson. He then took up farming to include picking corn, two rows at a time and livestock production, all while working full time in Welding/ Machine

Shops in Wakefield and Wayne. After moving to Rock Rapids to pursue his love of sprint car racing on the weekends, he started working at Cayel Craft building doors on ambulances. This progressed to him managing what became known as Amtech Emergency Products, which he later purchased, moved and renamed to Rescue Vehicles of IA. He was very passionate about dealing with people in the industry and building a quality product.

Mike's interest included listening to music, cooking for friends and family, sailing and repairing boats, flying, racing, restoring old cars, hunting, and fishing. For his final "project", he built their retirement home. Mike was a fireman, an EMT, a school board member, a Kiwanis member, a FDIC and Harrisburg, PA truck show vendor for multiple years. Mike always treated people how he wanted to be treated. He had the ability to walk up to a stranger and make friends and make people laugh. He always wanted to help people. He loved his family and his high school sweetheart until the very end.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, a son, Jim (Virginia)

Preston, and their children: Brittney, Jonny, Tiffany (Zach Hovach) and son, Bryson; daughter, Dawn Simon (Tim Bowder) and her children: Caitlin, Taylor, and their dad, Mark Simon; parents, Sidney and Shirley Preston; father-in-law, Kenneth Salmon, siblings: Tom (Shannon) Preston, Nancy (Kirk) Preston, Mary (Scott) Nelson, and Gary (Barb) Preston; and aunt, uncle, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, mother-in-law, an uncle and a cousin.

The family requests memorials to be directed to the ASHH Hospice, Attn: Peg Stratman, 501 Summit Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or Nebraska Medical Center, Lied Transplant Center, Attn: Office of Development, P. O. Box 6688, Omaha, NE 68106-9921.

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**Wilfred Schurman**

Wilfred A. Schurman, age 86 of Crofton, NE, passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 15, 2013 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2013 at St. Boniface Catholic Church with a 7:00 p.m. Wake service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers are grandsons: Matt Gunderson, Seth, Brett, Kevin, Christopher, & Brandon Schurman. Honorary pallbearers are Ashley Schurman, Jenny Everson,



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Rylee Schurman, Amber Schurman, Cody Sage, Brittany Boelter, Tori Sage, Maryn Gunderson, and Ruby Wilkins.

Wilfred was born June 21, 1927 at Lanry, SD to Paul and Rose (Marx) Schurman. He attended school at District 1 at Wynot from first through eighth grade.

On November 21, 1950, he married Cleopha Schroeder at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee. They lived at Hartington for 1 1/2 years before moving to the Crofton area, where they have lived ever since. He was a farmer and hay hauler until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Cleopha, and ten children: Ken (Terri) Schurman of Crofton, NE, Patty (Jim) Gunderson of Mission Hill, SD, Dan (Kathy) Schur-

man of Yankton, SD, Mike (Julie) Schurman of Yankton, SD, Duane Schurman of Yankton, SD, John (Jamee) Schurman, of Lincoln, NE, Jean Schurman of Norfolk, NE, Tom Schurman of Great Falls, MT, Dennis Schurman of Battle Creek, NE, and David Schurman of Crofton, NE; 10 grandchildren; 2 great granddaughters and 1 great grandchild on the way; 3 brothers: Paul of Randolph, NE, Norman and Larry of Yankton, SD and 1 sister-in-law, Joyce Schurman of Yankton, SD.

Wilfred was preceded in death by his parents, Paul & Rose Schurman, brother, Jim and sisters, Dolores and Romaine.

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**Louis Behl**

Funeral services for Louis Behl, 80, of Parkston will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Scotland. The burial will be at Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Goglin Funeral Home, Scotland, with a prayer service following.

Louis died Nov. 13, 2013, in Parkston.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.



**Lorraine Steward**

Eleanor Lorraine Daly Steward, age 91, of Yankton passed away peacefully and went home to the Lord on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary and 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Lorraine was born on August 5, 1922 at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD to Michael and Eleanor (Lockway) Daly. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Zell, SD and later graduated from Redfield High School. Lorraine was married to Vince Steward by the Right Reverend Monsignor O'Meara in Watertown, SD

and lived many years in the Brookings, SD area before moving to Yankton in 1968.

Lorraine very much enjoyed being with her family and especially cherished the time she spent with her nine grandchildren. Lorraine was a firm and proud believer in her Catholic faith and will always be remembered by her family and friends as a faithful servant of God. She also loved to play cards and was very fond of all her wonderful bridge partners whom she met through many years of marathon play. Lorraine was a very accomplished cook and as a result, one of her favorite pastimes was preparing meals and entertaining family and friends. Lorraine's heritage was particularly important to her and was proud to have shared many Irish traditions with her children and grandchildren.

Lorraine and her family are indebted to the wonderful, compassionate, and loving staff at the Yankton Care Center where she was loved and cared for in her last days.

Lorraine's memory will be honored by those who sur-

vive her: daughter, Mary Pietz of Lincoln, NE; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Marie Steward of Yankton, SD; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Michael Sinovic of Columbus, NE; nine grandchildren: Tyler Pietz, Logan Pietz, Collin Pietz, Aaron Steward, Charlie Steward, Will Steward, Eric Sinovic, Lucas Sinovic, and Madeline Sinovic; brother, Michael Daly of Green Bay, WI; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Eleanor Daly, sister, Madonna Marie Daly King, and brother, Bart Daly.

The family requests all memorials to be directed to Yankton Catholic Community Development Office for Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart School, 509 Capital Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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**Esther Schulte**

Esther J. Schulte, 92, of Aberdeen, and formerly of Vermillion, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 416 South Walker St, Vermillion, with Father John Fischer, Celebrant. Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will be for one hour prior to Mass at the church on Saturday.

Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, Aberdeen, is in charge of the arrangements.

Hansen Funeral Home of Vermillion will be conducting the service.

Friends may sign her online guestbook at either

www.schriversmemorial.com or www.hansenfuneralhome.com.

**Alan Oarr**

Alan David Oarr, 54, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at his residence after a courageous fight with cancer.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church.

Inurnment will be in the Yankton Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Crema-

tion Service in Yankton. To send an online sympathy message, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

**Alfred Steffen**

Alfred William Steffen, 84, formerly of Yankton and Crofton, Neb., died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at St. Peter's Hospital in Lacey, Wash.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at St. Francis Xavier Mission, 139 Spencer Rd Toledo, WA 98591

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock

Donations to SOMMA Foodbank, PO Box 61 Salkum, WA 98582 in lieu of flowers.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**Alan David Oarr**  
 10:30 AM, Monday  
 Christ the King Lutheran Church  
 Yankton

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